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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Development

SUBJECT : Current Requirements for Middle East Coverage

REFERENCE : Memorandum for SA/PD/DCI, from Chairman, ARC,
Same Subject, dated 12 December 1958 (SC-06841/58)

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1. I learned by phone this morning that the Navy and the Army
tend now to go along with [REDACTED] whose views I reported in the
reference, regarding the need for Middle East coverage, particularly
[REDACTED] The Air Force is neutral, which means that they're
not against it but they're not hurting for coverage.

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2. I have checked back with [REDACTED] for the situation of the
moment. He reports that there are no startling new developments but
that the parties involved are in a state of alert to be ready to take military
action if necessary.

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3. The last Middle East coverage is dated 19 November. Keeping
in mind your admonition at the last staff meeting with regard to avoiding
unnecessary risks in Middle East coverage, I am inclined to feel that
coverage of the Middle East at this time would be pertinent.

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4. Recommendation: That you approve a Middle East mission
with primary emphasis on [REDACTED] (If you
approve, I will immediately gather and forward requirements to Operations
DPS/DCI for its guidance.)

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Recommendation in paragraph 4

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